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**SWALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF**

**Dr. PRIDEAUX SELBY**

**ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

**WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT OF**

**A. J. HURN, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.**

**CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR,**

**for the**

**Year ending December 31st, 1943**

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# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the Year 1943

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present an Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1943, curtailed in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health Circular 2604.

With this report is incorporated that of your Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. A. J. Hurn, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

See Chief Sanitary Inspector's Report.

## CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES, in the District, under the Kent County Council:

AURAL CLINICS: 36 Albany Road, Sittingbourne. Aural Surgeon in attendance—2nd Thursday in each month at 1.30 p.m. Aural Nurse in attendance 1st and 3rd Friday mornings in each month at 9.30 a.m.

DENTAL CLINICS: 36 Albany Road, Sittingbourne. Every Monday, 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays and 2nd and 4th Fridays from 9.30 a.m. till 3.45 p.m.

SCHOOL CLINICS: 36 Albany Road, Sittingbourne, Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 o'clock.

OPHTHALMIC CLINIC: 36 Albany Road, Sittingbourne, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 3rd Wednesday 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. by appointment.

THE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CLINICS are held as follows:—

Teynham : St. John's Hut, Thursdays 2 to 4.

Newnham : Village Hall, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 2 to 4.

Boughton : Church Hall, alternate Wednesdays, 2 to 4.

Newington : Women's Institute, London Road, Tuesdays, 2 to 4.

Selling : Village Hall, alternate Wednesdays.

Hernhill : Women's Institute, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 2 to 4.

Upchurch : Crown Inn, alternate Thursdays, 2 to 4.

Borden, Tunstall and Bredgar : Borden Vicarage, Fridays 2 to 4.

## ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.

Ante-Natal Clinics are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in every month at the Faversham Centre, at Teynham from 10 a.m. to 12 o'clock at the St. John's Hut 1st Thursday in each month, and at Newington 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings. Midwives operate in all Districts.

## TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY

Faversham Tuberculosis Clinic, 13 South Road, Faversham. Males and Females, Wednesday 11 a.m. to 1 o'clock.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following cases of infectious disease were notified during the year:

Cerebro-Spinal-Meningitis	..	..	..	..	3
Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	4
Paratyphoid Fever	..	..	..	..	1
Puerperal Fever	..	..	..	..	3
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	11
Measles	..	..	..	..	229
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	102
Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	16

No case of Diphtheria has been notified during the year.

## TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS, 1930

	Pul.	Non-Pul.	Total
Number on Register, 1st January 1943 ..	64	34	98
Number on Register, 31st December, 1943 ..	58	33	91
In 1943, 24 removed to other Districts, 15 Died, 6 recovered and 2 were cancelled as none Tubercular.			
40 fresh cases were added to the Register during the year.			

## ANTI-DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

There were 161 school children over the age of 5 years immunised in the area during 1943. The number of children between 1 and 5 years of age immunised during 1943 was 135.

Total number of cases of all ages immunised during 1943 was 296.

Appended is the Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

PRIDEAUX SELBY,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

## Chief Sanitary Inspector's Annual Report.

Year Ended December 31st, 1943.

Public Health Dept.,  
20 West Street,  
Faversham.

June, 1943.

To Dr. Prideaux Selby,  
Medical Officer of Health,  
Swale Rural District Council.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report of work carried out by this department during the year ended 31st December, 1943.

### 1. GENERAL.

Number of house inspections ..	..	..	107
Number of house re-inspections ..	..	..	128
Total ..	..	..	235

Number of Notices Served:—	..	..	..
Preliminary ..	..	..	49
Statutory ..	..	..	—
Total ..	..	..	49

Number of written complaints received ..	..	..	12
Number of letters written ..	..	..	103
Number of School Notices (Infectious Disease) ..	..	..	70

### 2. HOUSING DEFECTS.

Lighting and ventilation ..	..	..	..	4
Walls repaired ..	..	..	..	7
Ceilings repaired ..	..	..	..	5
Roofs repaired ..	..	..	..	26
Floors repaired ..	..	..	..	12
Eaves gutters repaired ..	..	..	..	6
Yard paving ..	..	..	..	7
Dampness remedied ..	..	..	..	7
Premises cleansed ..	..	..	..	1
Miscellaneous ..	..	..	..	12

### 3. DRAINS AND CESSPOOLS.

New drains .. .. ..	14
Drains relaid and repaired .. .. ..	3
Drains cleared .. .. ..	7
Drains tested .. .. ..	12
New baths and lavatory basins .. .. ..	1
New sinks .. .. ..	7
Cesspools and septic tanks constructed .. .. ..	4
Cesspools abolished .. .. ..	5
Cesspools repaired .. .. ..	2
New gully traps .. .. ..	8

### 4. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

New water closets constructed .. .. ..	6
Water laid to W.C.'s .. .. ..	6
New pans and traps .. .. ..	4
Privies abolished .. .. ..	6

### 5. WATER SUPPLY.

Samples taken for Analysis .. .. ..	30
Wells cleaned .. .. ..	0
Wells repaired .. .. ..	2
Houses connected to main .. .. ..	8

### 6. COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

Number of Cowkeepers on register .. .. ..	57
Number of retail purveyors on register .. .. ..	63
Number of premises on register .. .. ..	116
Number of inspections .. .. ..	154
Number of defects found .. .. ..	9
Number of defects remedied .. .. ..	9
Number of samples taken .. .. ..	83

### MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

Approximately 1 cwt. 22 lbs. of foodstuffs, mostly of the tinned variety, condemned as unfit for human consumption during the year. None of the slaughterhouses in the district are in use. One knackers yard is in operation and is kept in a satisfactory condition.

### MILK SUPPLY.

83 samples, mostly designated milks, were taken during the year. Tuber-culin Tested Milk is produced at five and Accredited Milk at eleven farms. There are 57 producers on the Council's Register.

### WATER SUPPLY.

30 samples of water from wells have been taken. The routine quarterly samples from the mains of the three Water Companies supplying the District were also taken and submitted to the County Laboratory for examination. The samples were all satisfactory.

### HOUSING.

A certain amount of difficulty was experienced in the matter of house repairs owing to labour difficulties. Ordinary repairs generally took longer to complete.

The Council's scheme for the erection of 32 agricultural workers' cottages begun in 1941 was completed.

I would thank you Sir, the Council and the Council's Clerk for the kind support given me and assure you of my continued efforts.

I remain.

Yours respectfully,

A. J. HURN,  
Chief Sanitary Inspector.



